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1. Chinese Communist troop movements toward the north are very heavy.*
2. In Peiping foreign visitors as well as foreign diplomats, [REDACTED] are ignored for the most part by official Chinese. The Chinese are polite but will not discuss current affairs with visitors. Foreigners are free to move about the city and living conditions are good. Soviet advisers are to be seen everywhere, though they try to be inconspicuous; the Soviet Ambassador appears to have very wide powers.
3. CHOU En-lai was away from Peiping from about 15 September to 1 October. Molotov, contrary to many rumors, was not in Peiping in August or September.**
4. In North China the people are passive, but in South China there is resistance to the regime and a certain amount of unrest.

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* [REDACTED] Comment. The Chinese Communists are willing to commit 500,000 troops to the Korean war.

** [REDACTED] that CHOU met with high-ranking Soviet officials on the Siberian border.

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